

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1594 - SB 1608

June 15, 2020

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation (TDOT) to provide a report to the chairs of the Senate Transportation and Safety Committee and the House Transportation Committee summarizing promulgated rules related to the regulation of equipment required for vehicles using state highways and the establishment of particular highways upon which commercial motor vehicles may operate within 90 days from the effective date of such rules.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (017777, 017856, 018507):** Amendment 017777 deletes all language after the enacting clause. Expands, from 50 to 52 feet from the point of attachment to the tractor, the length a truck-tractor and semitrailer or trailer combination shall be permitted to operate over the federal and state highway system. Restricts the distance between the kingpin and the rear most axle, if the axels are not a tandem axle, to no more than 44 feet. Effective November 1, 2020.

Amendment 017856 adds language to the bill as amended by amendment 017777 to extend until July 1, 2021 the timeframe for the new specialty earmarked license plate for the University of Tennessee Health Science Center to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates.

Amendment 018507 adds language to the bill as amended by amendment 017777 and amendment 017856 to extend until July 1, 2021 the timeframe for the new specialty earmarked license plate for the Center for Living and Learning, Inc. to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The Commissioner of TDOT is required to charge fees for granting special permits for moving vehicles of excess weight, height, length, or width.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-7-201(c), motor vehicles consisting of a truck-tractor and semitrailer or trailer combination shall be permitted to operate over the federal and

state highway system; provided, that the towed vehicle shall not exceed 50 feet in length from the point of attachment to the tractor, except that this length may be increased to 52 feet when the load on the vehicle consists of livestock, motor vehicle parts, automobiles and/or motor vehicles.

- Expanding this 52 foot restriction to all truck-tractor and semitrailer or trailer combinations will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state government, as this legislation will not considerably effect the total number of special permits issued.
- That section of code further states that if the towed vehicle exceeds 48 feet in length from the point of attachment to the tractor and the load on the vehicle does not consist of livestock, motor vehicle parts, automobiles and/or motor vehicles, the distance between the kingpin and the rearmost axle or a point midway between the two rear axles, if the rear axles are a tandem axle, shall not exceed 41 feet.
- Restricting the distance between the kingpin and the rear most axle, if the axels are not a tandem axle, to no more than 44 feet will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state government.
- Extending the timeframe for the specialty earmarked license plates to meet the issuance requirement of 1,000 plates will not result in a significant impact on state revenue or expenditures.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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